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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Defendant.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
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SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION	:	
CORPORATION,	:	
	:	Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789(BRL)
Plaintiff,	:	
	:	SIPA Liquidation
VS.	:	
	:	
BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT	:	<b>OBJECTION TO TRUSTEE'S</b>
SECURITIES LLC,	:	<b>DETERMINATION OF CLAIM</b>

Samuel Squadron ("Mr. Squadron"), by and through his attorneys, Lax & Neville, LLP, hereby objects to the Notice of Trustee's Determination of Claim dated November 19, 2010 ("Determination Letter").

## **BACKGROUND**

- 1. An account containing investments by Mr. Squadron and managed in part on Mr. Squadron's behalf at Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC ("BLMIS") bore the Account No. 1-SO136 (the "Account").
- 2. Mr. Squadron was an investor in BLMIS and, like so many other victims, lost substantial portions of his savings and assets in the fraud. According to the November 30, 2008 BLMIS Account statement Mr. Squadron's investments with BLMIS were valued at \$83,026.21. On or about March 3, 2009, Mr. Squadron filed a Securities Investor Protection Corporation

Claim based upon securities held in his Account, describing the profound impact of his losses and seeking the protection and support that SIPC provides defrauded victims.

3. On November 19, 2010 the Trustee denied the claim stating that, "Based on a review of available books and records of BLMIS by the Trustee's staff, [Mr. Squadron] did not have an account with BLMIS. Because [Mr. Squadron] did not have an account, [he is] not a customer of BLMIS under SIPA as that term is defined at 15 U.S.C. §78III(2)."

## **Grounds for Objection**

- 4. As a victim of the crime perpetrated by BLMIS, which was a member of SIPC, Mr. Squadron is entitled to SIPC relief. As such, Mr. Squadron respectfully objects to the Trustee's denial of his claim, on the following grounds:
  - a. Mr. Squadron Is A Customer Under SIPA.
  - b. The Trustee Has Formulated A New And Unlawful Definition for "Net Equity".
  - c. The Trustee Did Not Adhere to the Customer's "Legitimate Expectation" Requirement.
  - d. The Trustee Has Violated SIPA By Failing to Promptly Remit SIPC Insurance.
  - e. Mr. Squadron Is Entitled To Prejudgment Interest On His SIPC Claim.
- 5. Mr. Squadron reserves the right to revise, supplement, or amend this Objection, and any failure to object on a particular ground or grounds shall not be construed as a waiver of his right to object on any additional grounds.
- 6. Mr. Squadron reserves all rights set forth under Rule 9014, including, without limitation, rights of discovery. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9014 (2009).
- 7. Mr. Squadron reserves all objections as to the competence, relevance, materiality, privilege, or admissibility of evidence in any subsequent proceeding or trial of this or any other action for any purpose whatsoever.

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8. Mr. Squadron incorporates by reference all reservations of rights set forth in his

Customer Claim and the Objection to the Trustee's Determination Letter.

**Relief Requested** 

9. Mr. Squadron's life has been deeply affected by his losses in the BLMIS fraud. For

the reasons stated herein, Mr. Squadron's Customer Claim should be allowed in its entirety.

10. For the reasons stated herein, Mr. Squadron is entitled to an Order compelling the

Trustee and SIPC to advance \$83,026.21.

11. For the reasons stated herein, the Trustee's determination amounts to an improper

disallowance of a claim that has prima facie validity. See Bankruptcy Code § 502(a) (2009).

The Trustee has offered no factual or legal basis for his Determination. The Trustee's

Determination Letter, and the objections contained therein, should be stricken, or alternatively,

the Trustee should describe his position in detail including all relevant facts, legal theories, and

authorities. Upon the filing of such a statement, this matter will be a contested proceeding under

Rule 9014 and Mr. Squadron will file a response.

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